GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF COWS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large herds of non-milching cows are regularly smuggled out to Pakistan and Bangladesh along our borders in Rajasthan and West Bengal for slaughter despite surveillance by Indian security forces along the border; and

(b) if so, the steps taken, if any, to curb this illegal trade ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) :Yes,Madam. The number of cases of smuggling of cows and the number of cows seized during the past three years on Indo-Bangladesh border in West Bengal is as under:-

Year	No. of cases of seizure	No. of cows seized
2002-2003	2,878	12,217
2003-2004	3,826	19,078
2004-2005 (upto June, 2004)	1,737	5,166

However, no case of such smuggling have been detected along the Indo-Pakistan border in Rajasthan.

(b):All Customs field formations including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to prevent and detect smuggling.